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ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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ENVIRONMENT CLEARANCE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals relating to development of forest conservation and forest villages have been received from various States particularly Chhatisgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the pending proposals;

(c) the reasons for the pendency in this regard; and

(d) the action taken by the Government thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (d) The Ministry of Environment and Forest have, so far, received 57 proposals for conversion of forest villages into revenue villages including 19 proposals from the State of Chhattisgarh. Of these 57 proposals, 15 proposals have been accorded approval under the Forest (conservation) Act, 1980, while 5 proposals were closed and 1 was rejected. 18 proposals were returned to the State Government as they were not coming under the purview of the Forest (conservation) Act. At present one proposal is at an advance stage of consideration in the Ministry and 17 proposals are lying with the concerned State Governments for furnishing additional information.